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GROUP 1774  
**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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MAGNETIC RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 1, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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